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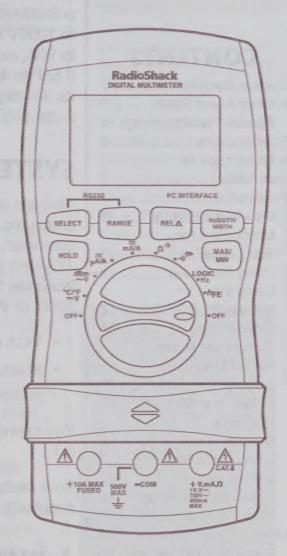
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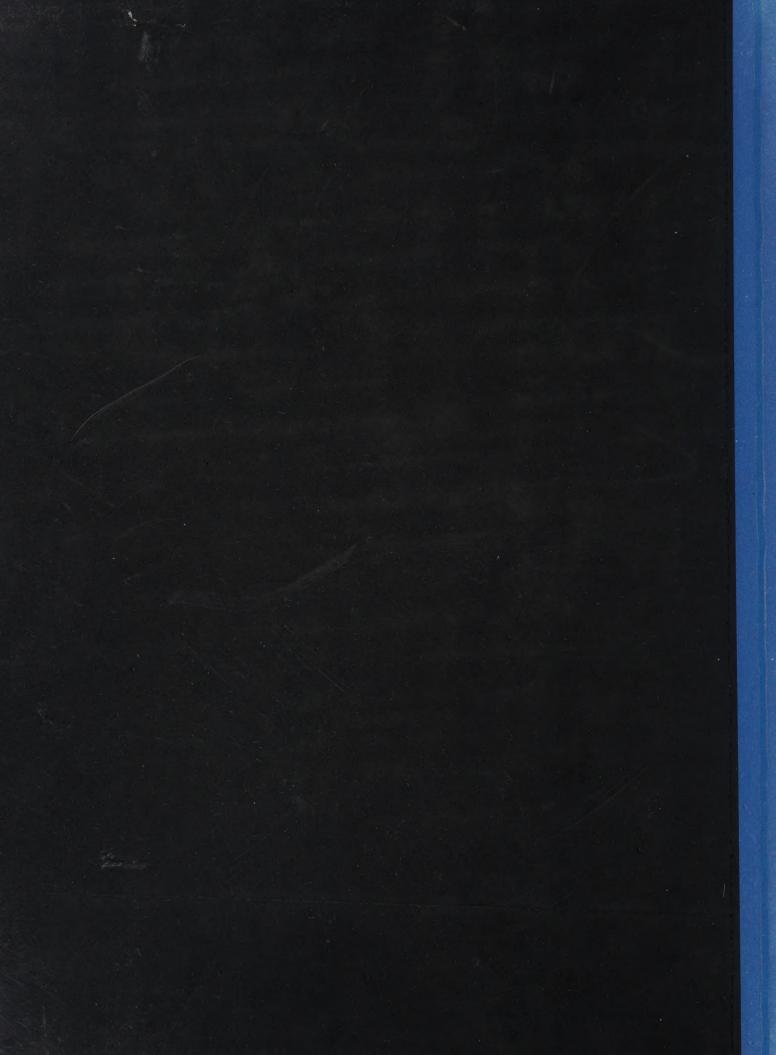
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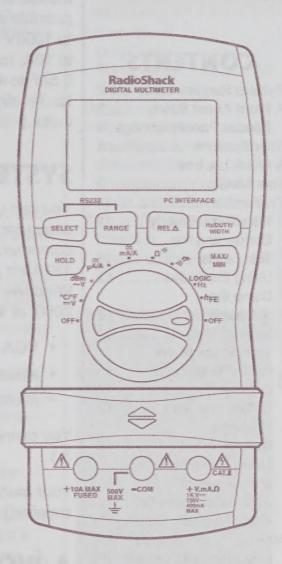
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Your RadioShack 46-Range Digital Multimeter is a portable, compact, auto-ranging, digital multimeter. It is ideally suited for field, lab, shop, and home applications. The multimeter provides precise measurements and is built to provide the highest possible reliability. The meter measures voltage up to 1000V DC and 750V AC, DC and AC current up to 10A, resistance up to $40 \text{M}\Omega$, capacitance from 0.5nF to $40 \mu\text{F}$, and frequency from 10Hz to 4MHz. Its 3^3 /4-digit digital display can display up to 4,000 units. §

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

You can use your meter either with or without a computer. Before connecting the meter to your computer, be sure it is an IBM® PC with a Pentium 133 MHz processor or compatible, running Windows 95, Windows 98, Windows ME, Windows 2000, or Windows XP, with all of the following: 3

- · VGA or SVGA video adapter
- at least 32 MB RAM
- Microsoft-compatible mouse

You cannot use the meter with Microsoft Windows 3.1.

Your multimeter requires one 9V battery (not supplied).

A WORD ABOUT SAFETY

We have taken every precaution in designing this meter to ensure that it is as safe as we can make it. But safe operation depends on you, the operator. We recommend that you follow these simple safety rules:

 Never apply voltages to the meter that exceed the limits given in the specifications. Never

- apply more than 1000V DC or 750V RMS AC between the input jacks and ground.
- Use extreme caution when working with voltages above 100V. Always disconnect power from the circuit you are measuring before you connect test leads to high-voltage points.
- Never connect the test leads to a voltage source when you set the meter's function selector to •//->, Ω/-IF, LOGIC/Hz, ≅ / μA/A, or ≅ / mA/A.
- Always discharge any capacitors of the circuit under test before you attach test leads.
- Always turn off power and disconnect the test leads from the circuit you are testing before you replace the meter's battery or fuse.
- Never operate the meter unless its back cover and battery cover are in place and fully closed.
- This equipment is rated for installation category II (maximum 3600VA).
- Because many AC/DC sets have a potentially hot chassis, be sure the top of your workbench and the floor underneath it are made of nonconductive materials.

This meter is fully calibrated and tested. Under normal use, no further adjustment should be necessary except as noted in this Owner's Manual. If the meter requires repair, do not try to adjust it yourself. Take it to your local RadioShack store. A

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/ WARNING /

- the use of this device. improper use of this device can result in injury or death. Follow all safeguards suggested in this owner's manual, in addition to normal safety precautions, in dealing with electrical circuits. Do not use this device if you are unfamiliar with electrical circuits and testing procedures.
- Never try to probe with both test leads at the same time or hold both test leads in one hand. (continued)

MARNING A



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- Use extreme care while using the meter to measure current and voltage in commercial electrical panels. Unlike a home AC outlet, a commercial electrical panel has tremendous current surge potential. This is especially true for threephase industrial. electrical panels. A small spark from one of these panels can cause a plasma explosion and fire that can severely burn you. Do not hold the meter while using it.
- Always wear protective: leather gloves, a face shield, and fireproof arm and upper body protection while using the meter to measure current and voltage in commercial electrical panels.
- If this equipment is used in a manner not specified by the manufacturer, the protection provided by impaired.
- To reduce the risk of fire expose this product to rain or moisture.
- For indoor use only.

SPECIAL PANEL MARKINGS

For your safety, we have added special markings to the meter's panel to remind you of the measurement limitations.

1KV 750V~ 400mA MAX

The maximum voltage that this meter can measure is 1000V DC or 750V AC. The maximum current that this terminal can measure is 400mA DC and AC.



Caution: Be extremely careful when making high-voltage measurements; DO NOT TOUCH TERMINALS OR PROBE ENDS.



Caution: Risk of electric shock! Refer to the complete operating instructions.



The meter is protected by double insulation.

CAT II

This equipment is rated for **INSTALLATION CATEGORY II (3600VA** max.).

500V MAX

To avoid electrical shock or instrument damage, do not connect the common input terminal (- COM jack) to any source that exceeds 500 volts with respect to earth/ ground.

+10A MAX **FUSED**

The maximum current you can measure at this jack is 10 amps DC/AC. This jack is fuse-protected.

WARNING: Shock Hazard if quard not installed.

The sliding guard on the front of the meter protects against electrical shock. Do not remove the guard.

Specifications

SPECIFICATIONS

Accuracies	at	73.4°F	(23)	C)	±5°,	<75%	RH
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DC VOLTS (Maximum Measurement: 1000V)					
400mV	± 4 in Last Digit				
4V to 40V	± 3 in Last Digit				
400V	± 3 in Last Digit				
1000V	± 4 in Last Digit				
AC VOLTS (Maximum Measurem Hz, Average Responds, RMS Calif					
400mV	± 4 in Last Digit				
4V to 40V	± 3 in Last Digit				
400V	± 3 in Last Digit				
750V	± 4 in Last Digit				
dBm ACCURACY (-31.8dBm to +	59.7dBm at 50/60 Hz				
sine wave)					
DC CURRENT (Maximum Measur	ement: 10A)				
400μΑ	± 5 in Last Digit				
4mA	± 3 in Last Digit				
40mA	± 5 in Last Digit				
400mA	± 0.6% of Reading, ± 3 in Last Digit				
4A					
10A	± 1.0% of Reading,				

AC CURRENT (Average Responds, I Maximum, DC Coupled)	RMS Calibrated, 10A			
400μΑ	± 1.0% of Reading, ± 5 in Last Digit			
4mA	. ± 0.8% of Reading, ± 3 in Last Digit			
40mA	± 1.0% of Reading, ± 5 in Last Digit			
400mA	± 0.8% of Reading, ± 3 in Last Digit			
4A	± 1.0% of Reading, ± 5 in Last Digit			
10A	± 1.2% of Reading, ± 5 in Last Digit			
RESISTANCE				
400Ω	± 0.4% of Reading, ± 5 in Last Digit			
4kΩ – 40kΩ– 400kΩ	± 0.3% of Reading, ± 3 in Last Digit			
4.0ΜΩ	± 0.6% of Reading, ± 3 in Last Digit			
40ΜΩ	± 1.5% of Reading, ± 5 in Last Digit			
CAPACITANCE				
4nF	± 3.0% of Reading, ± 40 in Last Digits			
40nF	± 3.0% of Reading, ± 10 in Last Digits			
400nF - 4μF - 40μF	± 2.0% of Reading, ± 4 in Last Digit			
PULSE WIDTHS (Frequency Range: 10Hz to 100kHz)				
1μS to 90mS (at +5/–0V square wave):				

B NOTE B

Accuracy with film capacitor or better, specified from 9.5% of full scale to full scale except 4.0nF range from 0.5nF to full scale.

K-TEMPERATURE MODE

This is a special voltage mode, to be used with an optional thermocouple module that can be attached to the meter. This mode automatically converts the 1mV per °C or °F voltage into a readout that appears as a temperature. In these modes, the unit can show up to \pm 999°C or °F.

±5% of Reading,

±2 in Last Digit

The accuracy of these modes is determined by the external device and the accuracy of the DC volt mode. The temperature range of the newer 1mV per degree C probes are generally between -50°C and 1000°C.

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400Hz - 4k-40k-400kHz-4MHz:

± 0.1% of Reading, ± 4 in Last Digit

Sensitivity

The function selector set to LOGIC/Hz (10Hz - 4MHz)

For AC voltage frequency, the function selector set to °C/°F / --- V (maximum measuring frequency 1 kHz for signal above 40V)

10Hz to 1 kHz 70 mVrms
1kHz to 10 kHz 400 mVrms

For AC voltage frequency, the function selector set to dBm ~ V (maximum measuring frequency 1 kHz for signal above 40V)

For AC current frequency

40mA/400mA 10 Hz to 30 kHz: 25mArms

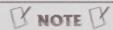
DUTY CYCLE (Frequency Range: 10 Hz to 100 kHz)

10% - 90% (at +5V/-0V Square wave)

± 2 digits/kHz, ± 2 in last digit []

DIODE MODE

Open Circuit Voltage < 2.8Vdc
Test Current 1 mA Typical



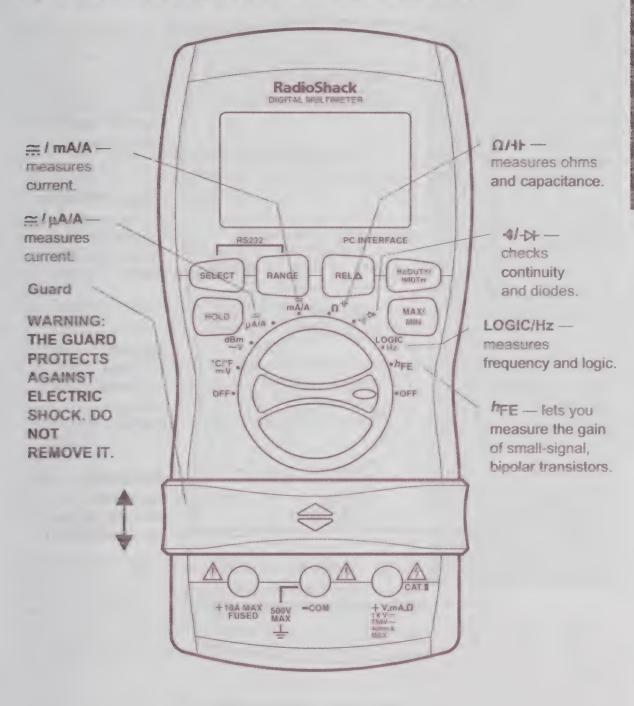
Duty cycle accuracy depends on input signal frequency.

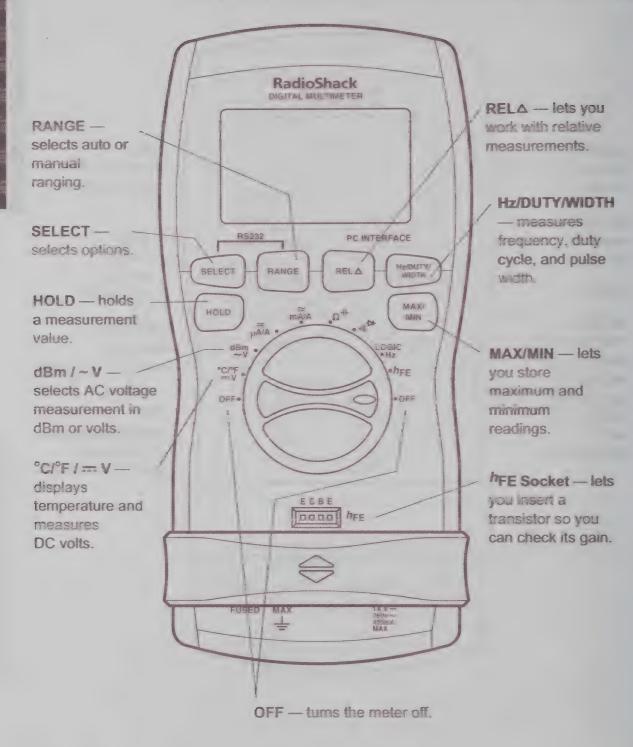
LOGIC MODE	
	2.0V ± 0.2V
Max. Low-Level Voltage:	1.0V ± 0.2V
CONTINUITY BEEPER	
Continuity (short)	≤ 50 ± 30 Ohms
Open	> 50 ± 30 Ohms
Open Circuit	< 2.8 Volts
Short Circuit Current	< 2.0 mA
Beeper Volume (at 5cm)	65dB Min (audio scale)
GENERAL	
Maximum Common Mode V	/oltage 500VDC or RMS AC
Battery Life at 30 minutes	
	About 200 days, Alkaline
	30 ± 10 Minutes
Range Up Detect Value	Overflow (>4000 Counts)
Range Down Detect Value	380 Counts
Low Battery Indication	6.3V ± 0.3 V
	10 μA Normal, 20μA Max.
§	DCV/ACV: 10Mohm
Power Source	One 9V battery (not supplied)
Operating Temperature	41°F to 104°F
	(5°C to + 40°C)
Storage Temperature	-4°F to 140°F
Alemaidite Manie	(-20°C to +60°C)
temperatures up to 8	num Relative Humidity 80% for 7°F (31°C), decreasing linearity lative humidity at 104°F (40°C)
Dimensions (HWD)	7 × 37/16 × 111/16 Inches
	$(178 \text{ mm} \times 88 \text{ mm} \times 43 \text{ mm})$
Weight	Approx 10.44 oz (296 g)
Accessories	Fuse F500mA/250V
	Fuse F12A/250V shrouded test leads red/black
2	er boot, RS-232C cable, CD-ROM

Specifications are typical; individual units might vary.

Specifications are subject to change and improvement without notice.

A QUICK LOOK AT YOUR METER





PREPARATION

INSTALLING A BATTERY

Your meter requires one 9-volt battery (not supplied) for power. For the best performance and longest life, we recommend a RadioShack alkaline battery. A

- If the rubber boot is attached to the meter, simply pull it off to remove it (see "Using the Rubber Boot" on Page 12).
- If the meter is on, rotate the function selector to OFF to turn it off. Then disconnect the test leads if they are connected.
- Use a Phillips screwdriver to loosen the battery cover's screw, then lift off the battery cover.
- 4. Snap a fresh 9V battery onto the terminals of the battery clip in the battery compartment.
- Replace the battery cover and secure it with the screw.

When 🗯 appears on the left side of the display or the meter stops operating properly, replace the battery. 🛆 🗳

CONNECTING THE TEST LEADS

The black and red test leads supplied with your meter are rated for 1000 volts. Use only test leads of the same rating with the meter. You can order replacement leads from your local RadioShack store.

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If necessary, slide up the guard on the front of the meter. Plug the black test lead's right-angled end into -COM (common) on the front of the meter, then plug the red test lead's right-angled end into + V.mA.Ω. If you want to measure current higher than

- To avoid electrical shock, disconnect all of the mater's test feads from any equipment before you install or replace the meter's battery.
- Do not use your meter until the battery is properly installed and the battery cover is in place and secured.
- Dispose of an old battery promptly and properly Do not burn or bury it.

Connecting the Test Leads

ALTHOUGH THE TEST
LEADS ARE RATED
FOR 1000 VOLTS. THE
MAXIMUM RATING OF
THIS METER IS 1000
VOLTS DC 750 VOLTS
RMS AC DO NOT TRY
TO MEASURE
VOLTAGE GREATER
THAN 1000 VOLTS DC/
750 VOLTS RMS AC

CAUTION CA

- Use only a fresh battery of the required size and recommended type.
- the meter for a month or more, remove the battery. Batteries can leak chemicals that can destroy electronic parts.

B NOTE B

Connecting the Test Leads

The meter sounds a warning tone when you set it to measure anything except current and you connect a test lead to +10A MAX. This reminds you not to touch the circuit with the test leads.

Turning the Meter On/ Off/Testing the Display If the function selector is not set to OFF and nothing appears on the display, the meter might be in its auto power shut-off mode. Press any button to turn on the meter. If the meter remains off, rotate the function selector to OFF, then to any function except OFF. If the meter still remains off. replace the battery (see "Installing a Battery" on Page 11).

CAUTION CA

When the meter is not in use, always leave the function selector set to OFF.

400mA, plug the red test lead's right-angled end into +10A MAX instead of + V.mA.Q.

USING THE STAND

The stand on the back of the meter lets you place it upright on a flat surface for easier viewing. To use the stand, simply fold it out.

Using the Rubber BOOT

The rubber boot supplied with the meter helps protect the meter from damage. The keyhole on the back of the rubber boot lets you hang the meter on a wall.

Simply slide the meter onto the boot, or pull down on the bottom of the boot to remove it from the meter. Use the clips on the back of the rubber boot to store the test leads while you are not using them.

USING THE METER

For the most accurate reading, the temperature should be between 65° and 83°F (18° and 28°C), with a maximum of 75% relative humidity.

TURNING THE METER ON/OFF/ TESTING THE DISPLAY

To turn on the meter, rotate the function selector to any function except OFF. To turn off the meter, rotate the function selector to OFF. $\ensuremath{\mathcal{G}}$

To test the meter's display, turn off the meter, then hold down HOLD while turning on the meter. The meter turns on and all segments on the display appear. Release HOLD to turn off the test.

BEFORE YOU START

Follow these steps to familiarize yourself with the meter's operation before you use it for the first time.

 Rotate the function selector to select one of the following functions, then repeatedly press SELECT to select the function you want.

	Description		
°C/°F/V	Displays temperature (°C or °F). Measures DC voltage.		
dBm / ~ V	Measures AC voltage in dBm. Measures AC voltage in volts.		
≃ l μA/A	Measures current, DC 0.4/4 mA and AC 0.4/4 mA Measures current, DC 4/10 A and AC 4/10 A		
≘ / mA/A	Measures current, DC 40/400 mA and AC 40/400 mA Measures current, DC 4/10 A and AC 4/10 A		
Ω/HF	Measures chms. Measures capacitance.		
*/-\}	Checks continuity. Checks diodes.		
LOGIC/Hz	Measures logic (HI/LO). Measures frequency.		
hFE	Measures the gain of small-signal bicolar transistors (using the hEE jack on the front of the meter).		

2 Your meter automatically enters the auto range mode when you turn on the meter. In the auto range mode, automatically selects the next higher or lower range (if available) when the measurement causes the display to overflow (the meter tries



CAUTION W

Be sure to select the correct function before you touch the test leads to the circuit or component to be tested.

- to display 4001 or more units) or underflow (the meter tries to display 379 or fewer units).
- 3. To select manual range mode, press

 RANGE. Mito disappears. Then repeatedly press RANGE until the range you want appears. The decimal point shifts each time you press RANGE.
- Hold down RANGE for about 2 seconds. The meter exits manual range mode and returns to its auto range mode.
- 5. To select the temperature range you want to display (°C or °F), rotate the function selector to °C/°F / == V, press SELECT once, then repeatedly press RANGE until C or F appears.
- 6. Set the meter to the different measurement ranges. The unit of measure that appears on the display shows the currently set range. For example, mV appears in the 400 mV range. Note the position of the decimal. If 0.000 V appears, the meter is set to measure less than 4 volts. If 0000V appears, the meter is set to measure up to 1000 volts.

Read the range in volts, ohms, capacitance, or amps as indicated by the position of the decimal point.

The state of the s	Display
400 mV	Wim bubbb
4 V	d.ddd V
40 V	dd.dd V
400 V	ddd.d V
1000 V DC/750 V AC	ප්ප්රස් ව
400 µA	ರೆರೆರೆ.ರೆ µR
4 mA	d.ddd mR
40 mA	dd.dd mR

	n to star
400 mA	Rm b.bbb
4 A	d.ddd R
10 A	dd.dd 8
400 Ω	ddd_d Ω
4 kS2	d.ddd kΩ
40 KQ	dd.dd kQ
400 κΩ	ddd.d kΩ
4 MΩ	व.ववव गारा
40 MΩ	dd.dd $\Omega\Omega$
4 nF	d.ddd nF
46 nF	dd.dd nF
400 nF	ਰੋਹੋਰ.ਰੇ ਨਵ
4 µF	d.ddd µF
40 μF	dd.dd µF

7. Connect the test leads to the circuit you want to measure. To measure different circuits, see "Making Measurements" on Page 18.

HOLDING A MEASUREMENT

Press HOLD to hold all indications on the display.

Hold appears and the meter holds the measured value on the display even if you remove the probes from the circuit.

To cancel hold, press HOLD again or set the selector to another setting or press SELECT. Hold disappears.

USING RELATIVE MEASUREMENT

You can set the meter so it does not show an unwanted value that might appear as a result of internal or other factors. For example, the meter always shows a small value when you set the selector to not connected the test leads to a component. (This happens because the meter

B NOTE B

The display might show a phantom reading in some DC and AC voltage ranges when the test leads are not connected to a circuit. This is normal. The high input sensitivity produces a "wandering" effect. When you connect the test leads to a circuit, the measurement appears.

CAUTION THE

If OF (overflow) appears, the measured value exceeds the range for the selected setting. This is normal when you measure resistance or a diode, or do not have the leads connected to a component. If you are measuring voltage or current when OF appears, immediately disconnect both probes from the pincuit, then touch the probes together or choose another range.

NOTE C

Using Relative Measurement

- If the value you measured in Step 2 is greater than the value you measured in Step 4, the meter shows a negative value. This is not a malfunction.
- O F appears if you
 measure values outside
 the meter's currently set
 range. If O F appears,
 immediately disconnect
 both probes from the
 circuit, then touch the
 probes together or
 choose another range.
- The meter displays values greater than 4000 counts as long as the range used is not an overflow range. (A count is the smallest unit the meter can measure). For ex-ample, if you store -3.500 volts as a reference, then measure +3.500 volts, the meter displays 7.000 volts.
- You cannot set 0 F as a reference value.

measures its own internal capacitance, which is normal). If you set the meter in relative mode with the small value as reference, it does not display this value when you measure a component.

You can also set the meter to a baseline reference value. For example, if you are measuring a power source that is supposed to be exactly 5 volts AC or DC, you can set the meter to a baseline reference value of 5 volts. Then, the meter displays the amount of voltage above or below 5 volts that the power source actually emits.

- 1. Set the meter to any function except °C/°F, dBm, ♠, -D+, LOGIC, or hFE.
- Measure the zero offset (disconnect test leads for capacitance, or touch the test leads together for other functions) if you want to remove the zero offset from a reading, or connect the test leads to the component whose measurement you want to use as a reference value.
- 3. While measuring the zero offset or with the test leads connected to a component, hold down RELA. Rel A appears. The meter is set to manual range mode.
- 4. Use the meter to make a measurement. If

To reset a relative measurement, press REL again or set the function selector to another setting.

AUTOMATIC POWER OFF

Your meter conserves power by automatically turning off about 30 minutes after the last time you changed a setting (even if you are making measurements), unless RS22 appears on the display (see "Configuring/Using the Meter and Software" on Page 29) or you disable the automatic power off feature (see "Using Power Lock" on Page 17).

To turn the meter back on after it automatically turns off, press any button.

USING POWER LOCK

To set the meter so it does not turn off automatically, set the function selector to OFF to turn it off. Hold down HOLD and SELECT at the same time, then turn on the meter PLoc appears until you release HOLD and SELECT. The meter sets itself to its normal test mode and does not automatically turn itself off. [Y

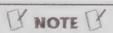
To reset the meter so it automatically turns itself off, turn off the meter then turn it back on. The meter automatically turns itself off after about 30 minutes.

USING MONITOR

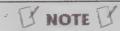
You can use the meter to monitor maximum and minimum readings in a circuit, saving both readings for you to check.

As the meter monitors, it displays the minimum or maximum value it measured and stores those values. If the meter measures a value higher than the stored maximum value or lower than the stored minimum value, it updates the value it stored with the new value. The meter automatically sets itself to manual mode when you use it to monitor.

- Set the meter to any function except °C/°F, dBm, ◆, -▷+, LOGIC, or hFE.
- Connect the test leads to the circuit you want to measure. To measure different circuits, see "Making Measurements" on Page 18.
- Press RANGE. Auto disappears. Then repeatedly press RANGE until the range you want appears.
- Press MAXIMIN until Max appears on the left side of the display (to set the meter to record the maximum and minimum values). Then



The meter automatically sets itself to its power lock mode while you use it to monitor (see "Using Monitor").



When the meter is set to its voltage or current function and the input is out of the setting's range, OF appears on the display and Max or Min flashes on the left side of the display.

$\hat{\underline{\Lambda}}$ WARNING $\hat{\underline{\Lambda}}$

- Never clamp a test lead to a hot wire (usually red, black, or blue in AC wiring circuits). If one lead is clamped to a hot wire and you louch the meter's other probe, you could receive an electric shock.
- The maximum input limit for DC voltage measurement is 1000 V DC. To avoid electrical shock and damage to the meter, never try to measure a DC voltage above 1000 outs.

- repeatedly press MAX/MIN to read the currently selected maximum value (if Max appears) or the currently selected minimum value (if Min appears).
- 5. To pause monitoring, press HOLD. Hold appears. To continue monitoring, press HOLD again. Hold disappears.

To exit the monitor mode, press MAX/MIN for more than 2 seconds. Max or Min disappears.

MAKING MEASUREMENTS

MEASURING DC VOLTAGE

- 1. Set the function selector to °C/°F / == V. A
- 2. If necessary, press SELECT to select DC voltage measurement.
- 3. If the meter is set to automatic range control, the meter automatically moves to the range that gives the best reading.
- 4. To set manual range control, press

 RANGE. Auto disappears. Repeatedly press

 RANGE to change the range.
- 5. Touch the probes to the circuit you want to test.

In the 400 V and 400mV ranges, the decimal point appears in the same position (one place to the left). To distinguish between the two ranges, mv appears in the 400mV range and v appears in the 400 V range.

When the meter is set to the 400mV range, **3 F** continues to appear even if you remove an over-range input signal. This is not a malfunction. To clear the display, simply touch the test leads together or connect them to a circuit. **3 F** disappears.

DISPLAYING TEMPERATURE

You can use an optional thermocouple module to measure temperature with your meter. The thermocouple module you use must output 1mV per measured °C or °F. The meter can display temperatures up to 999°C or 999°F.

- 1. Set the function selector to °C/°F/== V.
- Unplug both test leads from the meter, plug the thermocouple's common plug into –COM (common) on the front of the meter, then plug the thermocouple's +V plug into + V.mA.Ω
- Press SELECT once to select temperature measurement.
- To select the temperature range you want to display (°C or °F), repeatedly press RANGE until C or F appears.
- Touch the thermocouple's sensor head to the object you want to test.

MEASURING AC VOLTAGE

- 1. Set the function selector to dBm / ~ V. A
- 2. Repeatedly press SELECT to select the measurement unit you want to use (dBm or volts). [Y

In dBm mode, relative measurement and monitor modes are disabled.

In the 400 V and 400mV ranges, the decimal point appears in the same position (one place to the left). To distinguish between the two ranges, mV appears in the 400mV range and V appears in the 400 V range.

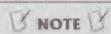
3. If the meter is set to automatic range control, the meter automatically moves to the range that gives the best reading.

Displaying Temperature

The thermocouple module has not been evaluated by Underwriters Laboratories. Do not use the thermocouple to measure objects when the voltage is above 30 V RMS and 42.4 V peak or 60V DC.

Measuring AC Voltage

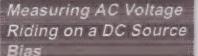
- Never clamp a test lead to a hot wire (usually red) black, or blue in AC winng circuits). If one lead is clamped to a not wire and you touch the meter's other probe, you could receive an electric shock.
- The maximum input limit for AC voltage measurement is 750 V AC (RMS).
 To avoid electrical shock and damage to the meter, never try to measure an AC vortage above 750 volts RMS.



0 dBm is equal to the consumption power on a 600-ohm resistor with 0.775V voltage drop.



/ WARNING /



To avoid injury or damage: to your meter, never try to measure an AC voltage that is riding on a DC source. bias where the peak AC voltage exceeds 1000 V with respect to earth ground

Measuring Three-Phase AC Voltage

This voltage exceeds the meter's rating. Therefore, you should not connect the meter to this circuit or to any equipment connected to the circuit. Doing so could present a dangerous shock hazard to you, and could also damage the meter.

Measuring DC/AC Current

Do not apply voltage directly across terminais You must with the circuit.



Measuring DC/AC Current

Never connect the test leads across a voltage source. Doing so can damage the meter or the circuit under test. The maximum input limit for AC/DC current measurement is 10A. (continued)

To set manual range control, press RANGE then change the range (if necessary) by repeatedly pressing RANGE.

4. Touch the probes to the circuit you want to test.

MEASURING AC VOLTAGE RIDING ON A DC SOURCE BIAS

To measure AC voltage superimposed on a DC voltage source bias while ignoring the DC voltage, follow the steps for measuring AC voltage under "Measuring AC Voltage" on Page 19. A

MEASURING THREE-PHASE AC VOLTAGE

Your multimeter is designed primarily to measure household AC voltages. If you want to measure 3phase. line-to-line voltage, please note the following:

- · Because of the dangers inherent in measuring three-phase circuit, we strongly recommend you do not use this meter for such applications.
- · The actual voltage can be greater than the circuit's rated line-to-ground voltage.

Most 3-phase power circuits are rated by their lineto-line voltage. This voltage is higher than the line (or phase) to ground voltage. To determine if a lineto-line 3-phase voltage exceeds the rating of this meter, multiply the rated line-to-ground voltage by 1.732 (the square root of 3). For example, if the rated line-to-ground voltage is 640 volts, the line-toline voltage is 640 x 1.732 = 1108 V AC. /\

MEASURING DC/AC CURRENT

To measure AC or DC current, you must break the circuit and connect the test leads to two circuit connection points. The connection must be in series with the circuit under test. A

1. Rotate the function selector to = / wa/a for 0.4/4mA and 4/10A ranges or = / mA/A for 40/ 400mA and 4/10A ranges.

- Press SELECT once to set the meter to measure AC current (~ appears). Otherwise, repeatedly press SELECT to set the meter to measure DC current (~ disappears).
- 3. Remove the power from the circuit under test and discharge all capacitors.
- 4. Plug the black test lead into -COM and the red test lead into the appropriate jack.
- Connect the meter's test leads in series with the circuit
- Apply power and read the current value. If the measurement is less than 400mA and the red test lead is connected to +10A MAX, remove power from the circuit.

If your measurement exceeds the selected range, 0 F appears until the measured voltage or current is reduced to a value below the selected range.

- Move the red test lead to + V.mA.Ω
- Rotate the function selector to

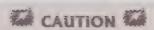
 πA/A depending on the value you measured in Step 6.
- 9. Reapply power to the circuit.

If you are measuring DC current and the current's polarity is negative, – appears before the value.

MEASURING RESISTANCE

The resistance measuring circuit in your meter compares the voltage gained through a known resistance (internal) with the voltage developed across an unknown resistance.

 Remove all power from the circuit under test and discharge all capacitors.



Measuring DC/AC Current (continued)

 If you do not know the amount of current in the circuit you are measuring, always connect the red test read to +18A MAX.

Measuring Resistance

Your meter has a circuit to protect the resistance range from over-voltage. However, to avoid accidentally exceeding the protection circuit's rating and to ensure a correct measurement, never connect the test leads to a source of voltage while the function selector is set to O/HE.





Measuring Resistance

- With no resistance connected across the test leads (meaning resistance is infinite),
 O F appears when you set the meter to measure resistance.
 This is normal.
- If you are measuring resistance of about 1MΩ or more, the display might take a few seconds to stabilize.
 This is normal.

- 2. Rotate the function selector to n/4.
- 3. If necessary, press SELECT until Ω , $K\Omega$, or $M\Omega$ appears to set the meter to measure resistance. β
- 4. Touch the test leads across the resistor you want to measure, or remove one of the leads of the component you want to measure from its circuit and touch the test leads across the resistor. If the meter is set to automatic range control, it automatically moves to the proper range.

If you set the meter to use manual range, repeatedly press RANGE to set manual-range control and change the range (if necessary). \checkmark

As with the voltage range, use the measuring units that appear on the display to determine the current resistance range. If only Ω appears, the values of the measurements are in ohms. If **K** and Ω appear, the meter is measuring kilohms (1 kilohm = 1000 Ω). If Ω and Ω appear, the meter is measuring megohms (1 megohm = 1,000,000 Ω).

If you want to accurately measure a very small resistance, you can view the resistance of the meter's test leads, then subtract that resistance from the measured value. To measure the resistance of the test leads, simply touch the ends of the leads together. The meter selects the 4000 scale and displays the resistance of the test leads. You can also use the meter's relative function to do this (see "Using Relative Measurement" on Page 15).

MEASURING CAPACITANCE

The capacitance measuring circuit in your meter charges a connected capacitor to a specific voltage level, then discharges the capacitor to a lower voltage. The meter measures the amount of time takes to discharge the capacitor.

Capacitance measurement accuracy depends on the measurement method and differs with different types of capacitors. The meter's measurement is for reference only.

- Remove all power from the circuit under test and discharge all capacitors.
- 2. Rotate the function selector to OHF.
- 3. Set the meter to measure capacitance by pressing SELECT. nF or µF appears. Then repeatedly press RANGE if necessary to manually select the range you want.
- 4. Attach the red test lead to the positive side of the capacitor and attach the black test lead to the negative side of the capacitor. Or, remove one of the leads of the capacitor you want to measure from its circuit and connect the test leads to the capacitor's matching (positive or negative) terminals. The measured value appears.

CHECKING CONTINUITY

You can use the meter to check for shorted or open electrical circuits.

- Remove all power from the circuit under test and discharge all capacitors.
- 2 Rotate the function selector to 4/-b+.
- To select the continuity function, press SELECT until appears at the top of the display.

CAUTION W

Measuring

Capacitance
Do not connect the test leads to a source of voltage with the function selector set to \(\Oldsymbol{O}/4\). This could damage the meter or the circuit being tested.

Checking Continuity

Do not connect the test leads to a source of voltage with the selector set to <1->
This could damage the meter or circuit being tested.

B' NOTE B

- The voltage applied across electrolytic capacitors affects their measured values. That is, a measurement taken with a low voltage will be lower than one taken with a voltage near the capacitor's voltage rating. Since this meter cannot use high voltage to set the electrolyte, it cannot measure the absolute value of capacitance.
- Low-value capacitors
 might match or be close
 to the meter's actual
 input capacitance. To
 measure low capacitance values, use the
 meter's relative feature
 to adjust the meter for
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its own capacitance (see "Using Relative Measurement" on Page 15).

Checking Diodes

- When you test a silicontype semiconductor, the values might vary depending on the temperature.
- The values that appear during a diode check show the actual forward voltage (2.0V max). If the voltage exceeds 2.0V, 0 F appears. The meter cannot check this diode.



Do not connect the test leads to a source of voltage with the function selector set to */->-. This could damage the meter or the circuit being tested.

4. Touch the test leads across the circuit you want to measure. shin appears and the buzzer sounds if the circuit resistance is less than about 50 ohms (meaning the circuit is continuous or shorted). Open appears and the meter's buzzer does not sound if the circuit resistance is greater than about 50 ohms (meaning the circuit is not continuous).

CHECKING DIODES

This procedure lets you check diodes, transistors, and other semiconductors for opens, shorts, and normal operation. It also lets you determine the forward voltage and polarity for diodes. (This is handy when you need to match a diode.) You can also check LEDs using this procedure.

You can also use the meter's ^hFE feature to quickly measure the gain of small-signal, bipolar transistors. See "Measuring ^hFE" on Page 27 for more information.

- 1. Remove all power from the circuit under test and discharge all capacitors.
- 2. Rotate the function selector to 4/->-.
- To select the diode function, press SELECT once. -> appears on the display.
- 4. Connect the test leads to the device you want to check, or remove one of the leads of the component you want to measure from its circuit and connect the test leads to the component. Note the first reading.
- Reverse the test leads and note the second reading.

If one reading shows a value and the other is overrange (0 F appears) the device is good. If 0 F appears during both readings, the device is open. If both values are very small or zero, the device is shorted.

CHECKING DIODE POLARITY

Many diodes have a stripe or mark on one side. The marked side of the diode indicates the diode is cathode or negative (-) side. The other side is the anode or positive (+) side.

If a diode is not marked, you can use your meter to check the diode's polarity. As you follow the steps under "Checking Diodes" on Page 24, connect the red test lead to one side, connect the black test lead to the other side, then measure and note the voltage. Then reverse the test leads and measure and note the second reading. The side of the diode where the meter shows a higher voltage using the red test lead is the anode (+) side. The side of the diode where the meter shows 0 F using the red test lead is the cathode (-) side.

MEASURING LOGIC

- 1. Rotate the function selector to LOGIC/Hz
- 2. To select the logic function, press SELECT once. LO appears.
- 3. Connect the test leads to the device you want to check. LO appears if the logic is low (the voltage is lower than 1.0V). Hi appears if the logic is high (the voltage is higher than 2.0V). The actual voltage appears if the logic is between 1 and 2 V.

MEASURING FREQUENCY/ DUTY CYCLE/PULSE WIDTH

The meter can measure frequency from 10 Hz to 4 MHz and duty cycle and pulse width with a signal frequency from 10 Hz to 100 kHz. The amplitude of a signal is not larger than 10V peak.

- 1. Rotate the function selector to LOGIC/Hz.
- To select the frequency function, press SELECT until Hz, KHz, or MHz appears.

CAUTION WA

Measuring Logic
Do not apply more than 5
VDC between terminals.
This could damage the
mater or the circuit being
tested.

MARNING A

To avoid electrical shock and damage to the meternever try to measure a frequency of more tran kHz between AC 40 volts RMS and 750 volts RMS

NOTE Y

- If the function selector is set to dBm / ~ V and you want to set the meter for maximum sensitivity when measuring a new signal, press SELECT to select the ACV function then press Hz/DUTY/ WIDTH to select the frequency function.
- To change back to ACV
 measurement, press
 SELECT once then
 repeatedly press
 SELECT to select the
 ACV display mode (dBm
 or volts).

- Otherwise, to select the duty cycle or pulse width function, repeatedly press Hz/DUTY/ WIDTH until % appears (to select duty cycle) or until µ5 or m5 appears (to select pulse width)
- If you are measuring frequency, press RANGE if necessary to select manual range then repeatedly press RANGE until the range you want appears.
- 4. Connect the black test probe to a ground reference for the signal, and connect the red test probe to the signal source.

MEASURING AC VOLTAGE FREQUENCY The meter can measure the frequency of an AC voltage, with or without a DC source bias. A Y

- If you are measuring AC voltage with a DC source bias, set the function selector to dBm / ~ v. Otherwise, set the function selector to °C/°F / v.
- To select the frequency function, repeatedly press Hz/DUTY/WIDTH until Hz, kHz, or MHz appears.
- If necessary, press RANGE to select manual range, then repeatedly press RANGE until the desired range appears.
- 4 To select the duty cycle or pulse width function, repeatedly press Hz/DUTY/WIDTH until % appears (to select duty cycle) or until μS or mS appears (to select pulse width).
- if %, μS, or mS appears and you want to select the frequency function again, repeatedly press Hz/DUTY/WIDTH until Hz, kHz, or MHz appears.
- 6. Connect the test leads to the device you want to check.

MEASURING AC CURRENT FREQUENCY

- Rotate the function selector to

 — / µA/A for 0.4/4mA and 4/10A ranges or

 — / mA/A for 40/400mA and 4/10A ranges.
- 2. To select the frequency function, press Hz/ DUTY/WIDTH once.
- if necessary, press RANGE to select the manual range, then repeatedly press RANGE until the desired range appears.
- To select the duty cycle or pulse width function, repeatedly press Hz/DUTY/WIDTH until % appears (to select duty cycle) or until μS or mS appears (to select pulse width).
- If %, μS, or mS appears and you want to select the frequency function again, repeatedly press Hz/DUTY/WIDTH until Hz, kHz, or MHz appears.
- Connect the test leads to the device you want to check in series.

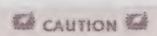
MEASURING hFE

You can use the meter to measure the DC gain of small-signal, bipolar transistors in the hFE range of 1000.

- 1. Set the function selector to hFE.
- 2. Unplug both test leads from the meter, then slide down the guard on the front of the meter.
- Insert the transistor you want to check into the hFE socket on the front of the meter, matching the pinout of the transistor with the labels on the socket. The transistor's value appears.

B' NOTE B

- If the meter is set to measure current, it cannot measure the frequency of a signal with DC bias.
- Press SELECT twice to set the meter back to the AC A measurement function.



To avoid damaging the meter, do not try to check a translator if you do not know its type and pinout.

USING THE METER WITH A COMPUTER

You can connect your meter to a computer, letting you conveniently monitor and record and log data over a long period of time. You can even use your meter to display oscilloscope information on your computer! For example, you can record changes in temperature in a refrigerator or voltage changes in a circuit over a long period of time.

Use the supplied RS-232 cable to connect the meter to your computer and the supplied software to display information recorded by the meter on your computer.

INSTALLING THE METER'S SOFTWARE/ HARDWARE

To use your meter with your computer, you must install the supplied Meter View software on your computer, then connect the meter to the computer.

The Meter View software includes installation files and a Help Guide. This guide provides more detailed information about the Meter View software's features. You can read the guide while Meter View is running, or print a copy directly to your printer. To read the guide, click Start. Programs, Meter View, then select Help.

Follow these steps to install the Meter View software on your computer. If

- 1. Turn on your computer and start the installed Windows operating system (Windows 95. Windows 98, Windows ME, Windows 2000, or Windows XP).
- 2. Insert the software CD into your CD-ROM drive. The CD starts automatically.



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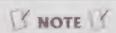
- If the CD does not start automatically, make sure the CD-ROM drive's door is completely shut. If the CD still does not start, the auto run option on your computer might be turned off. If this happens, click My Computer. The window shows the available drives on your computer. Then double-click the icon for your CD-ROM drive and double-click setup.exe. The CD starts.
- The supplied cable fits only one way. Do not force it.

- After you finish installing the software, restart your computer.
- 4. Connect one end of the supplied RS-232 cable to the jack on top of the meter, then connect the other end to your computer's serial port.

CONFIGURING/USING THE METER AND SOFTWARE

You must configure your meter to work with the Meter View software and the software to work with your meter.

- 1. Make sure the meter is connected to your computer (see "Installing the Meter's Software/ Hardware" on Page 28).
- On your computer, click Start, Programs, then Meter View. The Meter View software starts.
- On your meter, rotate the function selector to any function except OFF. Then hold down SELECT and RANGE together. RS202 appears on the meter's display.
- On your computer, select the COM port where you connected the meter by pulling down Option then COM Port then clicking COM1, COM2, COM3, or COM4.
- 5. On your computer, set up the meter to work with your computer by clicking the icon or pulling down Run then clicking Start. Data is transmitted from your meter to your computer. The display you see on the meter also appears on your computer.
- Follow the steps listed in the Meter View software's Help Guide to configure and use the software with the meter.



- COM port, an error message appears.
 Repeat Step 4 to select the correct COM port. The supplied cable fits only one way. Do not force it.
- The Meter View software stops communicating with the meter if the connection between the meter and the computer fails. If this happens, check the connection between the meter and the computer and make sure still appears on the meter's display. Then repeat Step 5 in this section.

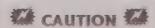
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Cleaning

- Do not let any water drip inside the meter while cleaning it
- Make sure that the meter is completely dry before using it

Replacing the Fuses

- To avoid electric shock you must disconnect the lest leads before you remove the battery cover and back cover
- Do not operate your meter until the back cover is in place and secured.



Do not use a fuse brand or rating other than those specified here. Doing so might damage your meter. You can order the fuses through your local Place Shack store.

CARE AND MAINTENANCE

Keep the meter dry; if it gets wet, wipe it dry immediately. Use and store the meter only in normal temperature environments. Handle the meter carefully; do not drop it.

CLEANING

To keep the meter looking new, occasionally wipe it with a cloth slightly dampened with water. Do not use harsh chemicals, cleaning solvents, or strong detergents to clean the meter.

REPLACING THE FUSES

If the meter does not work, you might need to replace one or both of the fuses with the spare fuses we have included with your meter. The spare fuses are inserted in a plastic holder inside the meter's cabinet near the RS-232 connector on top of the meter.

The meter contains a 500mA, 250V ceramic fuse (Littelfuse 314.500) and a 12A, 250V ceramic fuse (Littelfuse 314012).

If the meter is on, rotate the function selector to **OFF** to turn it off. Then disconnect the test leads if they are connected.

- Use a Phillips screwdriver to loosen the battery cover's screw, then lift off the battery cover.
- 2. Remove the battery.
- 3. Use a Phillips screwdriver to loosen the screws from the back cover and gently pull apart the case. A
- 4. To remove the fuse, gently pull the red ribbon holding it. The fuse pops out.
- 5. If the fuse is blown, discard it and save the ribbon. Then remove the spare fuse from the

- plastic holder and insert it into the fuse holder through the loop of the attached ribbon.
- Replace the back cover and secure it with the screws.
- Reinstall the battery (see "Installing a Battery" on Page 11), then replace the battery cover and secure it with the screw.

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